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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN HAS SIGNED TWO ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS WITH THE USSR. THE ACCORDS WILL PROVIDE THE BENINESE WITH MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AS WELL AS SOVIET TECHNICAL AID FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL FARM. THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT, HOWEVER, GAVE NO DETAILS OF THE EXTENT OF THE PROJECTS, NOR WAS THE TIMETABLE FOR THE PROJECT REVEALED. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED SOVIET ECONOMIC AID ACCORDS IN THE PAST, IN PRACTICE THEY HAVE RARELY AMOUNTED TO ANY SUBSTANTIAL INSTANCE. INSTEAD, THE SOVIETS HAVE LAREGLY CONFINED THEIR EFFORTS IN BENIN TO MILITARY AID. PARKILL

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